

State of South Carolina)

County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
RAY GRAHAM
BRETT SANDERS
CINDY WILSON
JIMMY DAVIS

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
2 call the special presentation part of October 1st
3 County Council meeting to Order. Want to welcome
4 everyone here tonight, and thank you for coming.

5 First we'll start off with Resolution 2(a), R2019-
6 041. I'll ask the Honorable Councilman Brett Sanders
7 if he'll introduce this resolution.

8 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.

9 A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THOMAS LORIN
10 HUGHES, A DECORATED VETERAN OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR
11 AND MEMBER OF "THE GREATEST GENERATION," FOR HIS
12 EXTRAORDINARY AND BRAVE SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY UPON
13 THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE-HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY.

14 WHEREAS, Thomas Lorin Hughes was born on September
15 17, 1919 in Camilla, Georgia and is a member of "The
16 Greatest Generation;" and

17 WHEREAS, Hughes joined the American war effort in
18 the Second World War on October 27, 1942, including
19 service at Normandy and in other areas of Northern
20 France, Central Europe, and the Mediterranean-North
21 African-Middle East Theatre as a mechanic on the P-38
22 Lightning in the United States Army Air Corps, for
23 which he received numerous Air Offensive decorations
24 and citations, including six Bronze Stars; and

25 WHEREAS, Hughes retired from New York Life
26 Insurance, is twice widowed, is a current Anderson
27 resident, and is the father of two children, Tommy and
28 Carolyn.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in meeting duly
30 assembled this seventeenth day of September 2019, to
31 take effect and be in force immediately upon
32 enactment, that the Anderson County Council expresses
33 its gratitude to Thomas Lorin Hughes for lifetime of
34 service to the United States of America.

35 I'd like to put that in the form of a resolution.

36 CINDY WILSON: Second.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr.
38 Sanders; second Ms. Wilson. Further discussion? All
39 in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
40 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

41 Moving on to item number 2(b), R2019-042, a
42 resolution to honor and recognize David Cothran's ten
43 years of service on the Anderson County Planning
44 Commission and other contributions to the Anderson
45 Community.

46 WHEREAS, Mr. David Cothran has served on the
47 Anderson County Planning Commission for ten years,
48 including two years of service as the Commission's
49 Vice-Chair and, since 2014, as the Commission's
50 Chairman; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Cothran graduated from Clemson
2 University in 1991 as a Registered Nurse with a
3 bachelor of science degree in nursing and in 1996 as an
4 Advanced Practice Nurse with a master of science degree
5 in nursing; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Cothran has spent his career serving
7 in nursing leadership roles at AnMed Health for
8 decades, including several years as Director of
9 Emergency & Trauma Services, during which he oversaw
10 operations in AnMed's Emergency Room, and is currently
11 a Nurse Practitioner at Care Connect, AnMed's urgent
12 care clinic; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his service on the Planning
14 Commission, Mr. Cothran has been active in the Anderson
15 community, including service as a volunteer fireman, as
16 vice-chairman of the Appalachian Development
17 Corporation Board of Directors, as Board Secretary for
18 Sigma Theta Tau International, Gamma Mu, and as an
19 active member of his church; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Anderson County is grateful to Mr. Cothran
21 for his ten years of dedicated service to the Anderson
22 County Planning Commission and hereby honor and
23 recognize his many contributions to the Anderson
24 community.

25 **RESOLVED** in a meeting duly assembled this 1st day
26 of October, 2019. And I put that in the form of a
27 motion.

28 CINDY WILSON: Second.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
30 discussion?

31 CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Wilson.

33 CINDY WILSON: I've known this young man
34 ever since he was quite small. And it's hard to
35 believe the accomplishments and the public service that
36 he has brought forth and we really appreciate him.
37 Thank you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I'd just like
39 to say I've known David Cothran for a long, long, many
40 years. But anybody that serves on the Planning
41 Commission, because those meetings, I served on them
42 for a short time. It's never a win-win situation.
43 Makes somebody happy most of the time; you've got
44 somebody against it. For a citizen willing to serve on
45 that and serving for ten years in a role of leadership.
46 Thank you very much for serving, being my appointee on
47 that commission. Like I said, y'all get paid, believe
48 it or not, less than we do. To serve and do what you
49 do on it is very honorable and appreciate what you do.
50 I know it's a thankless job, but we're here tonight to

1 thank you. Appreciate you, David.

2 Anybody got anything else? All in favor of the
3 motion. So the motion carries unanimously.

4 If I could ask my fellow council members to step
5 down for presentation.

6 **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

7 TOMMY DUNN: At this time that will
8 conclude that part of the presentation of special
9 resolutions of October 1st.

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11 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:07 P.M.)**

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1 TOMMY DUNN: ... of October 1st.
2 Welcome each and every one of you here and thank y'all
3 for coming tonight. To get us started, I'll ask the
4 Honorable Cindy Wilson, Council Lady Ms. Wilson, if you
5 will lead us in the invocation and pledge of
6 allegiance. If we'd all rise, please.

7 **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON**

8 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item number
9 3, approval of minutes of September 17th council
10 meeting of 2019. Are there any corrections to be made
11 or proposed? Does anybody have any? Ms. Floyd.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: If you would turn to page
13 33 of the minutes, there's an error there, a really bad
14 one. At the top it says Anderson County Council -
15 County Council Meeting - September 18, 2018. The rest
16 of it says Anderson County Council - County Council
17 Meeting - September 17, 2019. I checked and that page
18 does go on with the meeting. It does carry on what was
19 said in the meeting, but the date is wrong and that
20 needs to be corrected as soon as possible.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else?

22 GRACIE FLOYD: That's the only thing I
23 could find.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Anybody else got anything?
25 Do we have a motion to accept the minutes with the
26 change that Ms. Floyd mentioned?

27 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second? Ms.
29 Wilson makes a motion; Mr. Sanders seconds it. All in
30 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
31 Show the motion carries unanimously.

32 Let the record show Mr. Wooten was unable to attend
33 the meeting tonight.

34 Moving on to item number 4, citizens comments. As
35 Mr. Harmon calls your name, please talk on agenda items
36 only. Address the chair. You have three minutes. Mr.
37 Harmon.

38 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first
39 speaker is Elizabeth Fant.

40 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District
41 3. I'm speaking on the approval of the minutes, number
42 3, minutes, and number 5. I want to remind all our
43 council people and all the people out in the audience,
44 when they speak they need to turn their head forward.
45 Please don't turn your head to the person that you're
46 speaking to up at council. And I'm speaking to one
47 particular person about this.

48 BRETT SANDERS: Me, Ms. Fant?

49 ELIZABETH FANT: Yes, sir. We can't hear
50 you and it is very imperative that everything that is

1 said in these meetings get recorded. And it's very
2 hard for the person who is doing the transcribing to
3 try to figure out what's said when the people turn
4 their head. Now, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Floyd and Mr. Sanders
5 seem to be the hardest ones to hear. And I think part
6 of that is because they are turning their heads inward
7 instead of outward to us. However, Mr. Davis sits in
8 the same seat that Mr. Waters sat in and we always had
9 problems with Mr. Waters and we never have problems
10 with Mr. Davis. And Mr. Sanders sits in the same seat
11 that Tom Allen sat in and we never had problems with
12 Tom Allen. So that tells me, please, that it's the
13 individuals who are not doing due diligence.

14 On the road fee, I've been going to the meetings
15 and went to one last night in Powdersville. And aside
16 from Ms. Floyd's meeting, the one in Powdersville was
17 just excellent. And that leads me to another thing
18 about speaking. In Powdersville, all of the chairs
19 were arranged around a horseshoe of a table, so you
20 didn't have the mentality of people on one side
21 speaking up to just the moderator. Everybody felt like
22 they were equal and that they had equal representation.
23 And we could hear everybody for the most part until
24 somebody spoke to their neighbor instead of listening.

25 Again, I want to say that it is not respectful to
26 do that when you have speakers, either out here for me
27 to speak to somebody next to me while you all are
28 speaking, or for you all at a meeting to speak to
29 somebody next to you while that person is trying to
30 speak. It's just not respectful. Thank you.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Next, Mr. Harmon.

32 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker
33 is John Crosby.

34 JOHN CROSBY: Thank you, Council, Mr.
35 Chairman. I come to you on behalf of PlaySafe. We are
36 a 501(c)(3) non-profit that started in the upstate of
37 South Carolina primarily serving schools here in
38 Anderson County. On your agenda at some point in time
39 here in the near future, either tonight or in the near
40 future, you're going to get a request from us to
41 support the work we do, not only in those schools but
42 in the community at large.

43 So we wanted to be able to just come and tell you a
44 little bit about ourselves. And so what we do is we
45 provide sports medicine services to schools in the
46 community at large. We cover the Palmetto Championship
47 Tournaments and some of the other tournaments that are
48 hosted here in this community, as well as all of the
49 high schools in Anderson 2, 3, 4 and 5, as well as some
50 middle school coverage in those associated school

1 districts, as well.

2 So what we do is we provide certified athletic
3 trainers that's also working with physicians and all to
4 make sure those schools have coverage, not just on
5 Friday nights but through all of their sports, whether
6 it's basketball, softball, tennis, whatever, we're
7 there to provide those assistance to them, as well as,
8 again, for those community events that we're requested
9 to be at when we can. So all of our athletic trainers
10 are certified throughout the state of South Carolina.
11 And they go to school anywhere from four to six years.
12 They are a medical provider. So we just wanted to kind
13 of give you guys an understanding of what we are.
14 Hopefully I've done that in that short amount of time,
15 but I know time is limited for us as well as you guys,
16 so we want to cognizant of that. So thank you for your
17 time.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

19 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one else
20 is signed up.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

22 Moving on to item number 5, road taxes and other
23 concerns, Ms. Floyd. Council lady Ms. Floyd. Ms.
24 Floyd.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I want to talk
26 about the road tax. Why? Because this is a situation
27 or topic that's close to my heart. It's near and dear
28 to my heart. We have been talking about a -- well, the
29 first one that I heard was the twenty-five dollar road
30 tax that would be on certain people. Let's start with
31 the ones who will not, according to what has been
32 presented, will not be added to this. It's the
33 veterans, the handicapped and the seniors, will not
34 have to pay the twenty-five dollars.

35 This will generate four million dollars, which is
36 not enough to do our roads. So we will end up doing
37 some roads but some roads we won't be able to do.

38 The second option was twenty dollars; everybody
39 pays, the vets, the handicapped and the seniors.
40 Everybody will have to pay the twenty dollar road tax.
41 This will generate four million dollars, which is not
42 enough for us to do our roads.

43 I have been talking about another option, and
44 that's the one cents, penny, tax. With that we, not
45 only the vets, the handicap and the seniors will pay,
46 but also the Clemson people coming in for the games;
47 the I-85 people that are running through Anderson but
48 will stop and get something to eat; the Georgia people
49 who come up and visit us on Friday nights when they
50 have their dinner. We're really glad to have them, but

1 they will ride the roads, as well, and they will also
2 pay the penny tax. This is called a discretionary tax
3 because it's one that you really don't have to pay if
4 you don't eat in our restaurants or do other things
5 here, you don't pay it. But if you do and you ride the
6 roads -- even the big truckers will pay it, when they
7 already pay a hefty amount for the roads.

8 We have to do something. This tax would help a
9 lot. This money will help us get, if not all of our
10 roads, but most of our roads, get us so close that we
11 think that we have all of them. When the city did
12 their two percent hospitality tax on, I think it's
13 food, they got three million dollars just for the
14 inside of Anderson, not the whole county as we're
15 talking, but just the inside. When the school district
16 put on a penny tax, they got more money than they know
17 what to do with. They put down -- it wasn't sod, it
18 was turf on the football fields. They built big ole
19 gyms and things for the kids' stuff where they had the
20 money to do it.

21 Here we are, we don't have enough money to pave our
22 roads, folks. We don't have enough money to provide
23 folks with comfortable roads without tearing up your
24 car by driving on them. I think that if we would
25 consider the one percent tax, we'll get it done. We
26 will get it done.

27 Now, if not, the question has come up, well suppose
28 you don't get the one percent tax. Suppose the folks
29 who will vote on it turns it down. Well, then we'll
30 just have to go ahead and do the twenty-five dollar tax
31 on it. Because we have to do something. There are
32 three options that we can go to. The best one to me is
33 the one percent tax because we can get it all done.
34 But if the citizens of Anderson County decide to vote
35 against it, then we can go to the twenty-five dollar
36 tax. Because we have to have something to get our
37 roads done. It's up to us.

38 At first, when we first started discussing this,
39 you didn't have a choice. We were just going to do the
40 twenty-five dollar tax and that's it. But that's not
41 right. That's not right. You have a choice. We have
42 had meetings all through the county. The last one we
43 had was last night up at Powdersville. We will go back
44 and start doing it again. We're going to do it again;
45 have more meetings. When we get to your area with the
46 meetings, please sit down and take a good look at it.
47 Please determine what you think you, you, not what your
48 council person thinks, not what somebody else thinks,
49 but what do you think about the idea of getting your
50 roads fixed, having a fair chance of getting your roads

1 fixed? Again, some money -- the figure eighteen
2 million, I think I heard the fee of eighteen million is
3 what could be -- twenty million, that's even better.
4 Twenty million is what we could get for our roads. And
5 the beauty of it is it will be just for roads. Just
6 for roads. We have a lot of roads in Anderson County,
7 and it's got to be done. We aren't getting the money
8 any more that we used to get from the, they call it the
9 LGF, Local Government Fund. We aren't getting the
10 money from Columbia like we used to get.

11 The gas tax, people have told me -- people have
12 asked me, well what about that gas tax? It's not for
13 counties. It's for the state. It's for state roads
14 only. We have been down there. We have had people to
15 try to talk to them, well give us a little bit. And
16 they said, no, state roads, we are on our own.

17 Think about it. See what you say. Let us know.
18 Give us some feedback for it. And tell us what you
19 think about it. And I thank you. Thank you.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

21 Moving on to item number 6(a), 2019-042, an
22 ordinance to amend an Agreement for the development of
23 a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park)
24 of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge
25 the park to include certain property of T&S Brass and
26 Bronze Works, Inc. (Project Alloy). Mr. Nelson, would
27 you like to give a little thing for ---

28 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.
29 Thank you, sir. Project Alloy is T&S Brass. It was
30 announced on September 28th in Greenville County. And
31 I supplied the first page of the Department of
32 Commerce's announcement. It's about a ten million
33 dollar project. And of course, it's part of that
34 reciprocal agreement that we have where we share with
35 Greenville and they share with us in the multi-county
36 park agreements. The multi-county park agreement
37 allows the companies to access some state incentives
38 that don't normally come about unless they're members
39 of the park. Of course, they send us one percent of
40 their total tax on every project. And we're in the
41 positive. They send us more money than we send them.
42 Anyhow, this comes to council as a recommendation from
43 staff and the Economic Development Advisory Board.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. At
45 this time we'll go into a public hearing on this.
46 Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step
47 forward and state your name and district for the record
48 and address the chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing
49 and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed.
50 Do we have a motion on the floor?

1 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson to move
3 it forward. Do we have a second?

4 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now
6 discussion. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
7 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
8 unanimously.

9 Moving on to item number 6(b), 2019-044, an
10 ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a
11 Fee in Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and
12 between Anderson County, South Carolina and 1998
13 Augustus Partners, L.P. a company previously identified
14 for the time being as Project Augustus, with respect to
15 certain Economic Development property to be located at
16 one or more locations in the County, whereby such
17 property will be subject to certain payments of Fee in
18 Lieu of Taxes. Mr. Nelson.

19 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
20 members of council. This is a project where we have
21 the opportunity to -- it's a second opportunity for a
22 first in Anderson County where we have a developer,
23 Rooker Development, who is bringing this Augustus
24 Partners Limited Corporation. They're going to build
25 warehouses at Exit 32. The only component or part of
26 that that we have in it is some discount of the
27 property tax. But even with that, we have an
28 opportunity to have property tax in the first year of
29 twenty-eight thousand dollars. Just in this last year
30 only sixty dollars and four cents was paid in property
31 tax. So this brings an opportunity for investment. A
32 two hundred thousand square foot building and about a
33 ten million dollar capital investment. No jobs at this
34 time, but an opportunity for us to gain jobs. And of
35 course, this comes to council as a recommendation from
36 the staff and from the Economic Development Advisory
37 Board.

38 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll have a
39 public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this
40 matter, again, same thing, please state your name and
41 district for the record and address the chair, please.
42 Public hearing. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing
43 none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a
44 motion to move this forward?

45 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
46 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second
48 Mr. Davis. Any discussion?

49 CINDY WILSON: May I quickly point out
50 ---

1 TOMMY DUNN: We'll get Mr. Davis, I
2 think, and then we'll come to you. Mr. Davis.
3 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
4 just want to applaud Mr. Nelson for such a great job on
5 this. This is a great opportunity for the northern
6 part of the county for both District 6 and District 7.
7 And just to quickly cap, we will realize as Anderson
8 County a positive tax revenue of about two and a half
9 million dollars over twenty years, versus what it would
10 have been if we had stayed status quo with the
11 property. Thank you.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.
13 CINDY WILSON: This certainly saves us
14 from building spec buildings. And fortunately the
15 county has not had to do that thanks to Mr. Burriss
16 Nelson and Mr. Rusty Burns and everybody working
17 together. This is a good advantage for our county.
18 Thank you.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
20 of the motion show of hand. Opposed like sign. Show
21 the motion carries unanimously.
22 Moving on to item number 6(c), 2019-045, an
23 ordinance to approve a Ground Lease by and between
24 Anderson County, South Carolina and Tri-County
25 Technical College for a site at the Anderson
26 Regional Airport for Heavy Equipment Operator Training
27 and for a site at the TTI Pearman Dairy Road Facility
28 for a Lineman Training School. Mr. Burns, do you want
29 to say anything on this before we go into a public
30 hearing?
31 RUSTY BURNS: (Mic not on).
32 TOMMY DUNN: We'll go into a public
33 hearing at this time on this matter. Again, if you
34 wish to speak to this matter please step forward and
35 state your name and district for the record, and
36 address the chair. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing
37 none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a
38 motion to put this on the floor?
39 CINDY WILSON: Second.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders; second
41 Ms. Wilson. Now discussion.
42 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
43 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The thing that gets
45 me about this one is the fact that now -- maybe I have
46 it wrong so help me if I've got it backwards, okay.
47 Now for the site at the Anderson Regional Airport for
48 heavy equipment operator training at the airport, we
49 don't get anything for that. They're not paying us
50 anything; right?

1 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. But they have
2 trained some of our employees in the past and on
3 request they will come out and do light grading for us.
4 So we do get something out of it. But a section of the
5 airport that is not under restrictions of the FAA.
6 It's on the backside of the property and it's really
7 not that much ground. So we allow them to do that.
8 And they're training citizens from Anderson County.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now that's the
10 first time I've heard that. Because every time I have
11 asked about that one, I have always been told, no,
12 they're not paying us nothing.
13 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
14 GRACIE FLOYD: And that's the part that
15 really gets me as badly as we need fund. We don't have
16 any way -- we don't have -- I can't think of how to say
17 this. We don't have money to give away. We need to,
18 we need to get the money that we are supposed to get.
19 But now you're telling me that they are going to train
20 our people for nothing, for free?
21 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, they've done ---
22 GRACIE FLOYD: And they have done that in
23 the past?
24 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So it's like that
26 new thing they talked on television, Pro quo swim or
27 something.
28 RUSTY BURNS: Quid pro quo.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: What is it called?
30 RUSTY BURNS: Quid pro quo.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, I learned that this
32 week. Okay. So that's what -- in other words, you
33 scratch my back and I'll scratch yours; right? Okay.
34 Good.
35 And the other one, the site at the TTI, now they're
36 paying us for that?
37 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. What they
38 basically have out there are four tall poles. And they
39 received a grant to provide training for linemen for
40 the power companies of South Carolina. And we thought
41 that it would be better if that facility was in
42 Anderson County as opposed to Oconee County or Pickens
43 County because our people would have better access to
44 that training. The same thought process we have on the
45 heavy equipment training. We do everything we possibly
46 can for our citizens.
47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But Mr. Burns.
48 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: I always thought they were
50 paying for that now?

1 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. Not on that
2 one. No, ma'am.
3 GRACIE FLOYD: So what are they paying --
4 are they getting money from the grant to do it?
5 They're getting paid to do it?
6 RUSTY BURNS: Basically, and I can carry
7 you out there, there are four large telephone poles.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I know what a
9 telephone pole is.
10 RUSTY BURNS: And basically that's what
11 it is. It's a place for people to go up and down, up
12 and down. That's basically what we have and it's on a
13 part of the property that we will not use.
14 GRACIE FLOYD: Do they pay Tri-County
15 Tech to go up and down, up and down?
16 RUSTY BURNS: I'm sure that they receive
17 some financial assistance to attend those training
18 classes.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: And we don't get a cut?
20 RUSTY BURNS: No, we don't get a cut.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Why didn't we let Oconee
22 or Pickens have it then?
23 RUSTY BURNS: (Audio seems to be
24 missing).
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
26 Chair.
27 BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman?
28 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.
29 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I think what
30 Mr. Burns has failed to talk about is Tri-County Tech
31 actually has leased a lot of space from us or in the
32 process of leasing a lot of space.
33 RUSTY BURNS: In the TTI space. One of
34 them, the Asphalt Research Laboratory, they will be
35 paying market rate for that facility they're using
36 there. In other facilities they will sharing their
37 share of the costs on things that they do there. But
38 basically the heavy equipment school, raw land, holding
39 (mic cutting out) together, and the other one is four
40 poles on a piece of the property that we may not use
41 for a hundred and fifty years.
42 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, we could charge them
43 a dollar a year.
44 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, the last time I
45 checked, Anderson County paid fifty percent of their
46 budget. We're already giving them a lot of money.
47 They're helping us in return.
48 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, that's what I'm
49 saying. We pay fifty percent of their budget and plus
50 we give up more stuff. And I don't know, but the

1 roads, bad as they are, seems like we ought to be able
2 to do something. But then you said that they are
3 leasing some more property from us at ---
4 RUSTY BURNS: They will be leasing.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: They will be leasing.
6 RUSTY BURNS: That lease has not come
7 before council.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: And they will be paying
9 for that; right?
10 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
12 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair?
13 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.
14 JIMMY DAVIS: I recently was at a
15 Clemson home football game and met a young man who was
16 in the process of training to be a lineman. And he was
17 so appreciative -- we talked a good little while --
18 about how Anderson County is preparing to offer a place
19 to train linemen for Duke Power. Those of us that are
20 in the business of employing skilled trade workers know
21 how extremely hard it is to attract and retain skilled
22 trade workers in today's current business environment.
23 And I think it's an admirable thing that we offer this
24 to be able to have a place for skilled trade workers in
25 our county. And hopefully, keep our fingers crossed,
26 we keep those good workers with those great skill
27 trades living in our county in our great communities.
28 And I think this is a great thing for Anderson County.
29 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.
31 Anything else?
32 CINDY WILSON: May I? Just very quickly,
33 Wall Street Journal recently had a long article about a
34 nationwide shortage of linemen, trained linemen. There
35 are a lot of women going into that work also now. It
36 pays quite well. So it's really good to have that
37 availability here in our county. Thank you.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
39 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
40 the motion carries with Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr.
41 Dunn, Mr. Graham and Ms. Wilson in favor. And Ms.
42 Floyd opposes.
43 Moving on to item number 6(d), 2019-046, an
44 ordinance to approve an amendment to the fee in lieu of
45 tax agreement and infrastructure finance agreement
46 between Anderson County, South Carolina and Ortec, Inc
47 so as to add the town of Pendleton as a party to the
48 agreement. Mr. Nelson.
49 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
50 members of council. As we've discussed in the past,

1 this Project Smokey, is an Ortec project. About three
2 years ago announced twenty million dollars. Then
3 Project Rocky was an immediate expansion of that same
4 project, another twenty million. For a total of forty
5 million. And they've created or will create a hundred
6 and five jobs with a new annual payroll of 4.5 million
7 each year, with an average pay of twenty-one dollars
8 and forty-five cents an hour. And their need for their
9 rapid growth was to need -- they needed additional
10 sewer capacity. And to do that they had to annex into
11 the town of Pendleton. And of course, we had to add
12 the millage of Pendleton to the agreement to put all of
13 that project together. But the project last year,
14 2018, paid about three hundred and sixty thousand
15 dollars. And the -- let's see -- the anticipated --
16 well, I think that's the (change of audio) projected
17 taxes for 2018, which will really be 2019 now because
18 it's not on the tax books yet, three hundred and sixty
19 thousand. And over twenty years, 6.6 million. And
20 then the fee information tax run is on the last page of
21 your document. There should be a tax illustration
22 there. But this comes to council with a recommendation
23 from the Economic Development staff and from the
24 Advisory Board. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. At
26 this time there will be a public hearing. Anyone
27 wishing to speak to this matter please step forward,
28 state your name and district and address the chair,
29 please. Public hearing. Anyone at all? Hearing none,
30 the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion
31 to put this on the floor?

32 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

33 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson; second
35 Mr. Graham. Now discussion. All in favor of the
36 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
37 motion carries unanimously.

38 Moving on to item number 7(a), ordinance second
39 reading, 2019-014, an ordinance to amend Chapter 70,
40 Article 6 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances, so
41 as to clarify storage of commercial equipment in
42 residential zones. This is -- only affects zoned
43 areas. This is already on the books. What this is
44 doing is giving us an enforcement mechanism if
45 somebody's got something they ain't supposed to have
46 we've been told it's not enforceable through the Court.
47 This puts a little more teeth in it to get this -- give
48 our staff teeth to go in and take this and get the
49 situation corrected. Ms. Wilson.

50 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 I'm going to read this. It's not very long and it'll
2 make it much clearer.

3 This is Section 664, Commercial Equipment and
4 Materials. In all our districts except RA, which is
5 residential agriculture and RA-2, no commercial
6 equipment or materials associated with an off-site
7 business may be stored on a property unless such
8 equipment and materials are located on a tract of
9 property where the equipment and materials are not
10 visible from any property line. Such equipment and
11 materials may include but are not limited to tractors,
12 backhoes, front-end loaders, skid steers, ditch
13 witches, grinders, chippers, shredders, large
14 commercial equipment or other machinery; logs, stumps,
15 mulch or debris; paper, plastic and cardboard debris or
16 containers, auto parts and tires, appliances and
17 furniture; rock, gravel, railroad ties, building
18 materials or other supplies and materials. Removal of
19 such equipment or materials from the property must
20 occur within ten days of initial contact by the
21 Development Standards Department or be subject to
22 enforcement as provided in Section 17.

23 And that is what has been recommended by the
24 Planning and Public Works Committee in concert with our
25 Development Standards and our county attorney. Thank
26 you.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any more
28 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
29 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
30 unanimously.

31 Moving on to 7(b), 2019-040, An ordinance (1)
32 authorizing pursuant to Title 4 of the Code of Laws of
33 South Carolina 1976, as amended, including Sections 4-
34 1-70, 4-1-175 and 4-29-6 thereof, and Article VIII,
35 Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution the,
36 execution and delivery of an Infrastructure Credit
37 Agreement, by and between Anderson County, South
38 Carolina, and a Company known to the County as Project
39 Swan, to provide for certain Special Source Revenue or
40 Infrastructure Credits; (2) authorizing the receipt and
41 administration of a State Grant for the benefit of the
42 project; and (3) other related matters. (Project
43 Swan). Mr. Nelson.

44 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
45 members of council. This project is locating near the
46 Williamston area where there is a critical need for
47 jobs and job opportunities, like in many places in our
48 county that could use additional job creation. This
49 particular project, a hundred jobs created, sixteen
50 dollars and twenty-three cents an hour average pay.

1 Approximate annual payroll will be 3.246 million
2 dollars. And the capital investment of 4.195 million
3 with a multi-county industrial park infrastructure
4 credit agreement that actually gives a SSRC of eighteen
5 percent in the first five years; an SSRC of eight
6 percent in the second five years, years six through
7 ten. And last year that property paid in taxes,
8 nineteen thousand five hundred and ninety-six dollars,
9 and projected for 2020 will be forty-one thousand seven
10 hundred and twelve dollars with a twenty year
11 projected, almost a million dollars, nine hundred and
12 eighty thousand. And with a community impact of 1.6
13 million for the first year and a total community impact
14 of thirty-five million over a twenty year period.
15 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This comes as a
16 recommendation from staff and the Advisory Board.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to
18 move this forward?

19 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. Do we have a
21 second?

22 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any
24 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion
25 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
26 carries unanimously.

27 Moving on to item number 7(c), 2019-041, an
28 ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of
29 a joint county industrial and business park, that'll be
30 2010 park, of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to
31 enlarge the park, Project Swan, the one we just talked
32 about. Mr. Nelson.

33 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
34 This project is a supplier to some of the household
35 white goods construction or manufacturers in our
36 county, plastic injection molding company, and will be
37 creating a hundred jobs. And really good job
38 opportunities for that community. Thank you, sir.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a
40 motion to move this forward?

41 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a
43 second?

44 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Now
46 discussion. Hearing no discussion, all in favor of the
47 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
48 motion carries unanimously.

49 Now we're moving on to item number 7(d), 2019-048,
50 an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of

1 a Fee-in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and Incentive
2 Agreements by and between Anderson County, South
3 Carolina and Project Santa's Hat to provide for payment
4 of a Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes; authorizing the inclusion of
5 a project site in a Multi-County Business Park;
6 authorizing certain Special Source Revenue Credits.
7 (Project Santa's Hat). Mr. Nelson.

8 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
9 This is another one of those solar project
10 opportunities we've had. Will not be creating any
11 jobs. Will be an investment of 2.5 million in the
12 solar project itself, generating about eight thousand
13 dollars a year in property -- in county property tax.
14 Based on the previous year, it paid a hundred and four
15 dollars in property tax. In last council meeting I
16 didn't include the taxation of the land that the
17 property will sit on. And that will become a ten and a
18 half percent manufacturing assessment ratio property
19 which will add an additional four thousand six hundred
20 and eighty-eight dollars each year to the existing
21 eight thousand. So it'll be about a twelve thousand
22 dollar income per year for the next twenty years on
23 that property and project. This comes to council with
24 a recommendation from staff and from the Advisory
25 Board. Thank you, sir.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a
27 motion to get it on the floor? Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
28 we have a second?

29 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders. Now
31 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
32 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
33 unanimously.

34 Now we're moving on to item number (e), 7(e), 2019-
35 049, an ordinance authorizing the termination of a
36 Lease Agreement between Anderson County, South
37 Carolina and Project Lilac; the conveyance of certain
38 property from Anderson County, South Carolina to
39 Project Lilac or its designee; the execution and
40 delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement, by and
41 between Anderson County, South Carolina and Project
42 Lilac or its designee, to provide for Special Revenue
43 Credits. Mr. Nelson.

44 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
45 members of council. Project Lilac is one of our
46 existing companies. They have more than four hundred
47 employees, with an existing payroll of approximately
48 fourteen million dollars. This company current capital
49 investment and creation, promises that they've made in
50 their 1999 and 2004 agreement, they have fulfilled all

1 of those agreements, as well as the jobs creation that
2 they promised. In this process they would like to
3 unwind their existing fee agreement and move to a
4 multi-county park infrastructure credit agreement. And
5 in their business transactions they're seeking to no
6 longer be hampered by the need to explain away because
7 they're an old lease style agreement, explain away why
8 the county owns them, which is really a legal fiction.
9 We don't own them, but it appears that way on the
10 property tax records. And the county will be removed
11 from that chain of title, which both things are very
12 good for us. This is an opportunity for this company
13 to be able to, hopefully, and no promises yet, to grow
14 and expand, create additional jobs and bring more
15 capital investment. This comes to council with a
16 recommendation from staff and from the Economic
17 Development Advisory Board.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to
19 move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a
20 second.

21 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
23 Discussion? Hearing and seeing none, all in favor of
24 the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
25 motion carries unanimously.

26 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you so much for your
27 support.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you and your staff
29 and the board.

30 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.

31 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to move on now
32 to item number 8, ordinance first reading, 8(a), 2019-
33 050, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone +/-
34 49.44 acres on Garrison Road from R-20 (Single Family
35 Residential) to R-A (Residential-Agriculture), TMS map
36 number 066-011-017 and 66-00-11-005. Dr. Parkey, do
37 you want to speak to this matter?

38 JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes,
39 the request is to rezone from R20 to RA the two parcels
40 on Garrison Road, about forty-nine acres in total for
41 purposes of begin able to have residential agricultural
42 use there. The staff recommended approval of this
43 request. The Planning Commission recommended approval
44 of this request in their September 10 meeting. And
45 that's all that I have for this one, Mr. Chair. Thank
46 you.

47 TOMMY DUNN: We'll go into a public
48 hearing now. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter
49 please step forward and state your name and district
50 and address the chair. Anyone at all? Seeing and

1 hearing none the public hearing will be closed. Do we
2 have a motion to put this on the floor?

3 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

4 CINDY WILSON: Second.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders; second
6 by Ms. Wilson. This is in Mr. Sanders' district. Mr.
7 Sanders, you got anything you'd like to add or
8 anything?

9 BRETT SANDERS: No, sir. Well, I would
10 like to say I'm glad to see it going from R20 to
11 residential agriculture. A lot of the neighbors that
12 called me saw the zoning sign and was worried about a
13 housing development. But I think it'll be a good area.
14 I'm excited for them.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
16 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
17 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

18 Moving on to item number 8(b), 2019-051, an
19 ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone +/- 5.72
20 acres at 1150 Garrison Road from R-20 (Single-Family
21 Residential) to R-A (Residential-Agriculture), TMS tax
22 map number is 066-00-11-020. Dr. Parkey, anything?

23 JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Same
24 request, R20 to RA. This is at 1150 Garrison Road,
25 right there together with the previous one, 5.72 acres,
26 likewise for purpose of having residential and
27 agricultural use on the property. Staff recommended
28 approval of this, as well. Planning Commission
29 recommended approval of this also at their September 10
30 meeting. Thank you.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Now we'll go into a public
32 hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter,
33 again, step forward and state your name and district
34 and address the chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing
35 and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed.
36 Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?

37 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders. Do we
39 have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Now open the floor
40 up for discussion. Seeing and hearing none, all in
41 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
42 Show the motion carries unanimously.

43 Moving on to item 8(c), ordinance 2019-052, an
44 ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone +/- five
45 acres at 1140 Garrison Road from R20 single family
46 residential to RA residential agriculture, TMS number
47 066-00-11-021. Dr. Parkey.

48 JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
49 Again, same request, R20 to RA, 1140 Garrison Road.
50 This is five acres, likewise for purpose of having

1 residential and agricultural use on the property.
2 Staff recommended approval of this. Planning
3 Commission also recommended approval of this at their
4 September 10 meeting. Thank you, sir.
5 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll go into
6 a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this
7 matter, again, please step forward and state your name
8 and district and address the chair. Anyone at all?
9 Seeing and hearing none the public hearing will be
10 closed. Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?
11 BRETT SANDERS: So moved.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders. Do we
13 have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Discussion? Seeing
14 none, all in favor of the motion show of hands.
15 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
16 unanimously. Thank you, Dr. Parkey. Thank you and
17 your staff.
18 Moving on to item number 9, Resolutions. There are
19 none.
20 Moving on to item number 10, bid approval, bid
21 number 20-013, big water resurfacing project. Mr.
22 Carroll.
23 ROBERT CARROLL: We received two bids from
24 both Anderson companies here and we recommend two
25 hundred sixty-nine thousand one hundred twenty-nine
26 dollars and fifty cents to S & S Construction for the
27 Big Water Road resurfacing project.
28 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to
29 move this forward?
30 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
31 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we
32 have a second?
33 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
34 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Now
35 discussion. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
36 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
37 unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Carroll.
38 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, sir.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now report from
40 the Finance Committee meeting held on September 20,
41 2019. I filled in for Chairman Wooten at that meeting.
42 He was unable to attend. So I'll be doing it.
43 Item number 3, bid number 20-001, solid waste
44 hauling. Bid for the solid waste hauling was sent to
45 fourteen different hauling companies. There were two
46 responded. There were two bids and Waste Connection
47 was the highest. They submitted a bid of a hundred and
48 thirty dollars to roll on full. Finance Committee
49 approved the Waste Connection bid. But we asked (mic
50 cutting out) who's over that department if he could

1 negotiate the bid. He got it down a dollar. It'll be
2 a hundred and twenty-nine dollars a pull. Mr. Smith,
3 you got anything you'd like to add or say to this?

4 MR. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, basically
5 this also includes our eight yards and four yards and
6 six yards throughout the county and our sheriff's
7 department (mic cutting out) that nature, possible
8 rental of a compactor for the Civic Center. (Mic
9 cutting out) activity we're having out there right now
10 is (mic cutting out).

11 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate you and your
12 staff, all y'all's hard work. Got this out and that's
13 a good thing. Coming from the Finance Committee
14 doesn't need a second. Put this on the floor for
15 discussion.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question for him.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Smith, I think that
19 you assumed that we're smarter than what we are when it
20 comes down to what you're talking about. All right.
21 Would you explain what you're talking about yards this
22 and yards that. Just tell us a little bit more.

23 MR. SMITH: Basically at our
24 convenience centers, you'll see the larger boxes,
25 containers that have the compactors that are large
26 forty yard boxes that take your trash. So that's the
27 hundred and twenty-nine dollars we're talking about.
28 At like the sheriff's department, we'll have an eight
29 yard container for trash or maybe like at the DSS
30 office or something we'll have a six yard there because
31 they don't need the large one, which is a savings. We
32 use a smaller container. It's basically just the
33 containers that we use onsite.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So you had to go
35 back and negotiate the price of these things?

36 MR. SMITH: Basically just went back
37 for the forty yard pulls.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Just the forty yard stuff?

39 MR. SMITH: Yeah.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. So what
41 was wrong with them at the beginning that you had to go
42 back?

43 MR. SMITH: It was just a request that
44 the Finance Committee asked me if we could get them to
45 go down just a little bit.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: So they went down a
47 dollar?

48 MR. SMITH: So they did go down a
49 dollar, which is actually about eight thousand dollars
50 a year, so there is a savings there.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, okay. All right.
2 Thank you.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
4 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
5 the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Smith,
6 you and your staff, for all the great work y'all do.
7 MR. SMITH: Thank you.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to item
9 number 4, services agreement with Fleet Services. The
10 Fleet Services manager wanted the county council's
11 approval of a service agreement that he can get outside
12 (mic cutting out) approved when fleet services fixes
13 their vehicles, such as Belton, West Pelzer, small
14 towns. Labor rate, shop supplies, tire
15 (unintelligible), oil changes and outside parts. And
16 these services would be covered under the county's
17 garage (unintelligible) policy. Brought up in the
18 Finance Committee meeting. He's doing -- we're doing
19 some work right now -- he's been doing it. They just
20 want to get it all across the board and get everybody
21 on the same page and have an agreement to go to in case
22 any other small towns want their work because they are
23 doing some work for small towns. It's not interfering
24 with anything the county needs done. Again, coming
25 from the Finance Committee, it doesn't need a second.
26 We'll put this on the floor for discussion. Any
27 discussion?
28 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?
29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
30 RAY GRAHAM: Basically what I'm
31 assuming because I know we've done this in the past
32 with different municipalities as far as law enforcement
33 vehicles and vehicles that municipalities own. I
34 assume what he's doing is coming up with an agreement
35 that there's a set fee across the board regardless
36 whose vehicle it is?
37 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. Knowing
38 ahead of time, X being the same as Z and they know what
39 the thing's going to be when they sign that agreement.
40 RAY GRAHAM: Good deal. I definitely
41 -- in some of the previous dealings I've had, and
42 especially I guess a couple of years ago when I first
43 got on council, I know there was a lot of different
44 municipalities that we stopped some of those services
45 with. You know, it put a hardship on them, but in the
46 same respect we was trying to look out for the well-
47 being of the county. So, number one, it's good that
48 we're able to start that back. And I'm definitely glad
49 that Stone has taken the initiative to ensure that
50 basically it's fair across the board. He has done an

1 exceptional job out there managing that department.
2 Definitely appreciate the Finance Committee bringing
3 this before council.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All
5 in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
6 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

7 Now moving on to item number 5, 5(a) and 5(b),
8 hiring county workers in selected departments. Back in
9 our budget, we passed a budget back in June and asked
10 the administrator to put a hiring freeze on. We also
11 told him if there's any exceptions or something come up
12 he thought was worthwhile, the administrator would
13 bring it before council. And this is what they've
14 done.

15 One is Solid Waste is seeking to hire an equipment
16 operator for the Starr Landfill and ambassador for the
17 Wren Recycling Center. These are budgeted positions.
18 The Solid Waste fund is a proprietary fund. The hiring
19 freeze was intended to apply this fund anyway, but
20 we're going to go through all transparencies to make
21 sure this is covered. Coming from the Finance
22 Committee, it doesn't need a second. Put this on this
23 on the floor for discussion. Any discussion,
24 questions? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
25 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
26 unanimously.

27 Same thing with item number (b), Roads and Bridges
28 asked for permission to hire two positions, a heavy
29 equipment operator and a truck driver. They have
30 thirteen vacancies and are in need of this -- I think
31 they've got some people put in for this and they are
32 hard to find right now, things, you know, to help him
33 out, that department rather. Coming from the Finance
34 Committee, again, it doesn't need a second. Put this
35 on the floor for discussion. All in favor of the
36 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
37 motion carries unanimously.

38 This will conclude that part.

39 We're going to go now to item number -- if there's
40 no objection can we have about a five minute break?

41 **BREAK**

42 TOMMY DUNN: Call the council meeting
43 of October the 1st to order. At this time, item number
44 12, we'll get a report from the Public Safety Committee
45 held on September 20, 2019, Chairman Graham.

46 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
47 Fellow council members, this meeting mainly consisted
48 of grants that we're in the process of receiving. If
49 it's okay I'm going to read down each one of them. By
50 all means if there's any question as far as one of the

1 grants, we can definitely pull it out separate. But
2 providing there's no question, we'll read down and
3 we'll bring it forth in the form of a motion from
4 Public Safety to accept all of these.

5 The first one being 2019 LEMPG grant. Basically in
6 a nutshell that's a grant that we received as far as
7 would help cover the cost of a drone for emergency
8 services. Basically about seven thousand dollars
9 toward that drone that they're going to be pushing on
10 that.

11 The next one is 2019 VOCA grant. This grant here
12 is a continuation of a grant for two victims' advocate,
13 along with one admin position that we basically already
14 have in place. And basically what that does is assist
15 crime victims in the county as far as going through the
16 process as far as whether someone's been arrested or
17 what not. It kind of helps cover their needs. Again,
18 that's a continuation on that grant there.

19 The next one is a 2019 State Homeland Security
20 Program Grants. One of them being 19SHSP03. It's
21 basically thirty-nine thousand five hundred dollars.
22 It's fully funded. It's going to be covering bomb
23 suit, training and maintenance of robots, also some
24 weapons of mass destruction equipment. 19SHSP10 kind
25 of goes hand-in-hand with that previous one, which is
26 also WMB rating for SWAT team equipment, etcetera,
27 communication, headsets, SEBA gas mask, exercise
28 programs. Most of this is replacing equipment that is
29 basically end-of-life that our guys are using as far as
30 with the SWAT team and also emergency services. And
31 again, that one there is seventy thousand dollars.
32 19SHSP17 is an eighty thousand dollar grant from
33 Homeland Security. Again, it's weapons of mass
34 destruction to sustain type one certification. This is
35 basically a requirement that federal government
36 mandates us to maintain and basically this is a grant
37 to ensure we've got the proper equipment or what not to
38 keep that certification.

39 The next one being a body-worn camera grant.
40 Basically this is through DPS system. It's for twenty-
41 nine thousand nine hundred and forty dollars. It's
42 basically to sustain and replace -- excuse me -- it is
43 not sustaining and replacing. The body camera grant is
44 basically to initiate a program with the sheriff's
45 department to ensure all officers has body-worn
46 cameras. That, along with some other grants that we've
47 received as far as through DPS, it totals for about a
48 hundred and eighty thousand dollars. And we're in the
49 -- excuse me -- they're in the process of looking at
50 some different options as far as with a camera program.

1 The biggest thing on the cameras, it's mainly the
2 cloud-based storage or, you know, basically what type
3 of storage are they going to use as far as maintaining
4 the records. And that's where your tremendous cost
5 comes in with that. I, personally, I support that one
6 hundred percent. I think we need body cameras. I
7 think it's another line of defense for our law
8 enforcement officers. It protects them against false
9 accusation. It protects them in Court during trials as
10 far as giving them more evidence. It's just a lot of
11 value that it brings to the table with that. But with
12 all that being said, all this was presented to Public
13 Safety. They bring forth and present that to full
14 council in the form of a motion and they supported it
15 one hundred percent.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Coming
17 from Public Safety it doesn't need a second. Now
18 discussion?

19 Chairman Graham, on the body camera grant, have
20 you got any idea about how many that would enable them
21 to get?

22 RAY GRAHAM: They're actually looking
23 at a couple of different options. Right now what
24 they're looking at, they've looked at Axon and a couple
25 of others. And they're in the process of looking at a
26 Panasonic program. Again, the biggest cost is the
27 storage fees. What I did advise Captain Brown, who has
28 been very instrumental in pushing through these
29 programs trying to get something set up with this, is
30 to basically come up -- his thoughts is this is going
31 to basically partially equip Anderson County Sheriff's
32 Department. I've got a problem with that personally.
33 How do we pick and choose what officer we're going to
34 cover with, again, that extra form of defense for them?
35 What they're doing is looking at what it's going to
36 cost and they're probably going to bring back, you
37 know, what options we have. Just guessing, that
38 funding there would probably do a little more than half
39 of the officers. Our goal would be to ensure that
40 every officer that's on the road would be, naturally,
41 the first ones to get them. And then our second phase
42 would probably pick up your investigators and some of
43 the other lines of defense. You know, possibly your
44 courthouse workers and what not. The main goal would
45 be to ensure that every officer that is actually
46 answering calls on the road would have the body-worn
47 cameras.

48 TOMMY DUNN: That's what I thought. I
49 would hope so. Any more discussion?

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Mr. Chair, I

1 happened to be at that meeting by mistake. But I got
2 there in time to hear them talk about the body (mis
3 cutting out) and I thought that it would be a wonderful
4 idea if we have them to come in at the time they get
5 those body cameras to talk about it. Because that's a
6 relative new thing just like the thing that hovers over
7 us -- what do you call it, the thing that ...
8 TOMMY DUNN: Drones.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Drones, yeah. Thank you.
10 But drone thing is a relatively new thing here in
11 Anderson County. But anyway, I kind of like already
12 invited them to come when they get -- I think the
13 sheriff will make the idea of who gets what. But I
14 think it'll be a good thing for the people to
15 understand it, to see, and to know what's going on
16 about that.
17 TOMMY DUNN: I agree.
18 RAY GRAHAM: I stated the total, but I
19 did leave one of the grants out on the JAG, which is
20 also another sixty thousand. Again, the total that's
21 been awarded so far is right at a hundred and eighty
22 thousand dollars. There was about sixty thousand --
23 fifty something thousand left over from a previous
24 grant. They've been awarded another right at sixty
25 thousand and plus the twenty-nine thousand which again
26 puts it up right at a hundred and eighty thousand
27 dollars. As far as the -- a plug for the sheriff --
28 but as far as the camera system being something new, it
29 is new here in Anderson, but the sad thing about it,
30 it's all over the United States. Anderson County is
31 behind times on this.
32 Our previous administration literally turned some
33 money back in where we could have already started a
34 camera program before Sheriff McBride even came in. So
35 again, Sheriff McBride and Captain Brown have been very
36 instrumental in trying to get these grants. And
37 personally I truly support it a hundred percent. And
38 definitely see that the administration is pushing
39 towards this. Again, to me, it ranks right in there as
40 another line of defense for our officers. Thank you.
41 TOMMY DUNN: I agree. And I think it's
42 good for the citizens, too.
43 Chairman, let me understand you, your motion now on
44 the floor, does that include the JAG grant?
45 RAY GRAHAM: It does include the JAG
46 grant. My apology; I did leave that off a while ago.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All
48 in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
49 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
50 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Appreciate that.

1 Moving on now, item number 13. Do we need that,
 2 Mr. Burns? Do we have a motion to go into executive
 3 session for the benefit contract for employees plan?
 4 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
 5 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we
 6 have a second?
 7 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
 8 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. All
 9 in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
 10 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
 11 If we can, Mr. Burns, we'll just step right back
 12 here.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 14 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
 15 CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that
 16 we come out of executive session, having received
 17 information regarding the employee benefit contract
 18 plan with no action taken.
 19 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
 20 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson; second
 21 Mr. Graham. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
 22 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
 23 unanimously.

24 Let me state for the record there was no action
 25 needed or required on that. This was just for the
 26 insurance benefit package contract for our employees.
 27 Item number 14, appointments. I don't see none.
 28 Do we have any appointments? Anybody have any coming
 29 up?

30 Moving on to requests by council members. Mr.
 31 Davis.

32 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
 33 District 6 would like to appropriate out of my special
 34 projects fund one hundred fifty dollars to the Anderson
 35 County Museum Hall of Fame Induction. I make that in
 36 the form of a motion.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Davis.
 38 Have a second?

39 CINDY WILSON: Second.
 40 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
 41 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
 42 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
 43 unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Davis. Mr. Sanders?

44 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I'd like to
 45 consolidate two, if I may?

46 TOMMY DUNN: You may.

47 BRETT SANDERS: Anderson County Museum
 48 Hall of Fame Induction, one hundred and fifty dollars;
 49 PlaySafe, one thousand dollars. I'd like to put that
 50 in the form of a motion.

1 CINDY WILSON: Second.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Sanders;
3 second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing none, all
4 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
5 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Ms. Floyd?
6 GRACIE FLOYD: For Men at Work, I would
7 like to allocate four hundred dollars out of the
8 District 2's recreational account for recreational
9 purposes. (Telephone ringing)
10 TOMMY DUNN: We'll move on and come back
11 to you. Mr. Graham.
12 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
13 If it's okay, I've got three; I'll do all of them
14 together if that's all right?
15 TOMMY DUNN: That'll be fine.
16 RAY GRAHAM: I bring this in the form
17 of a motion, a hundred and fifty dollars to the
18 Anderson County Museum Hall of Fame; five hundred
19 dollars to Anderson School District 2 for the falls
20 games that they do; and also five hundred dollars to
21 PlaySafe. I bring this in the form of a motion.
22 CINDY WILSON: Second.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Motion and second Ms.
24 Wilson. Do we have any discussion? All in favor of
25 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
26 the motion carries unanimously. We'll go back to Ms.
27 Floyd if you're ready.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I apologize
29 for (phone ringing again).
30 TOMMY DUNN: We'll come back to you.
31 Ms. Wilson.
32 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
33 From District 7's recreation account may I appropriate
34 to the Anderson School District 2, their fall games
35 event that Ms. Megan Rainey is conducting, seven
36 hundred dollars; and to the Anderson Museum Hall of
37 Fame production, a hundred and fifty dollars. And this
38 is in the form of a motion.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Got a motion Ms. Wilson.
40 Need a second.
41 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any
43 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
44 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
45 unanimously. Now, Ms. Floyd.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I apologize.
47 Those are robo calls. I forgot to turn the phone off.
48 I didn't know how. But Mr. Chairman, I would like to
49 allocate four hundred dollars to Men at Work. It's
50 time to take the children to the mazes for Halloween.

1 It's from District 2's rec fund. And that's in the
2 form of a motion.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second? Mr.
4 Sanders. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
5 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
6 carries unanimously.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: I have one other thing.
8 With PlaySafe, I don't understand what that's about. I
9 haven't talked to anyone about it. No one called me
10 about it, so I'm just not going to do it.

11 TOMMY DUNN: You're talking about
12 before the meeting?

13 GRACIE FLOYD: I have to know what the
14 money's going for, who it's going to and why.

15 TOMMY DUNN: They can contact Ms. Floyd
16 if they want to. Anything else, Ms. Floyd?

17 GRACIE FLOYD: That's it.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Give me just a second,
19 please. I'm trying to do some quick math. District 5,
20 I'd like to take out of the rec account, four hundred
21 and fifty dollars to the Museum Hall of Fame Induction
22 ceremony. And I would like to do seven hundred and
23 fifty dollars to PlaySafe. Put that in the form of a
24 motion. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in
25 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
26 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

27 Anything else?

28 Moving on, administrator's report.

29 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
30 Chairman.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Citizens comments. When
32 Mr. Harmon calls your name you've got three minutes.
33 Please address the chair.

34 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one
35 speaker. Elizabeth Fant.

36 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, Anderson
37 County citizen. Mr. Chairman, yes, I attend meetings,
38 and yes, I speak. I do research and I'm knowledgeable
39 on county issues. Most of the time I am complimentary
40 and I praise what I see as on course, right and
41 beneficial for our citizens. But I am also going to
42 speak when there are serious issues.

43 So let's address the events of Friday's council
44 road fee called meeting, the final comments; the
45 Williamston Town Hall meeting and the ensuing Journal
46 editorial news article. What you said, Mr. Dunn, was a
47 partial truth. Yes, I have been coming to these
48 meetings for ten years volunteering my time, trying to
49 keep our local government honest and representing the
50 taxpayers of Anderson County. The rest you spoke was a

1 misrepresentation. How you responded, Mr. Dunn, was
2 dictatorial, petty and full of bullying. Sadly, here
3 is just one more example of your constrictive behavior
4 against anyone who has an opinion that differs from
5 yours. And why you responded, Mr. Dunn, was because
6 you got caught in a lie. The Friday meeting on road
7 fee was not to discuss the road fee at all, but instead
8 to nail down the specifics of the ordinances, per your
9 own words.

10 And to the current administration, you must realize
11 that this kind of behavior and the responses of your
12 minion news reporter are destroying your chances of
13 citizenry approving and accepting your attempts to
14 remedy the road issue.

15 Two quotes to consider: A lie is still a lie no
16 matter how it is dressed up. And, you can't put
17 lipstick on a pig. And as Winston Churchill said, I no
18 longer listen to what people say. I just watch what
19 they do. Behavior never lies.

20 Anderson County citizenry are angry because they
21 have been told lies. They thought the gas tax would
22 fix the roads. They assumed that the South Carolina
23 legislature would follow its law and give us the
24 twenty-five million dollars that we're due. They feel
25 that the county is spending millions of dollars on
26 Green Pond and other unnecessary projects. And with
27 fourteen million dollars more revenue coming into the
28 county last year, citizens are incredulous that the
29 county appears broke and has no money to repair roads.

30 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chair.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

32 Comments now from council members. Ms. Wilson.

33 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

34 It's been quite an interesting time to go around our
35 respective districts and some of our council members
36 have been kind enough to come on over to mine -- I've
37 tried to attend a few, too -- for the road fee and
38 other matters that we've discussed. I'm believing that
39 we need to continue those meetings because what we have
40 found is an enormous amount of confusion of the various
41 roles in funding sources for our roads.

42 Our efforts to inform and share what we knew has
43 been helpful and it's been really, really awesome to
44 have our public input. But the fact remains that there
45 is incredible confusion as to what's school, what's
46 state, what's county. And I'm going to look forward to
47 having some more of these meetings around my district
48 and hopefully time will allow for going to other
49 districts, too.

50 Where else, in all of our government, do we have

1 efforts by public servants to go out and sit down with
2 our citizens and share information and receive input?
3 I think what we've learned the last few weeks will bode
4 well for the county citizens in the future. And I
5 appreciate everyone's participation. Thank you.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
7 Mr. Graham?

8 RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time, Mr.
9 Chairman.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.
11 Ms. Floyd?

12 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a couple of things.
13 First of all, Ms. Wilson, I think that you're right. I
14 have been having community meetings for nineteen years
15 all over District 2. It's a good way to get the news
16 out. And it's a good way of getting the news in. I
17 don't have a full house at all of the times, but I get
18 the people that are wanting to know. So I think that
19 is something that you might need to have happen in your
20 area.

21 I have two questions if I can ask them about the
22 workers' pay and the hiring freeze. Now I know that we
23 said that we were going to do this until October. So
24 today being October the 1st, Mr. Burns, are we out from
25 under the hiring freeze now?

26 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. It was a six-
27 month hiring freeze.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: We're out from under it?
29 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: When are we going to get
31 ---

32 RUSTY BURNS: In three more months.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I see a lot
34 of new people around, you know, going on. So I don't
35 know what's going on there. Okay. Well, what about
36 the workers' pay thing. When do they get that?

37 RUSTY BURNS: The second round of raises
38 take place in the next paycheck. I think that would be
39 October 11.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, that's the one that's
41 in October.

42 RUSTY BURNS: If I'm not mistaken, yes,
43 ma'am.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I see
45 that the lady that just spoke is having trouble when
46 she gets up with that microphone. Being that she's
47 handicapped, I think that the law would say that we
48 have to make special amends for her on that microphone.
49 She has problems getting up, as I do, and the
50 microphone is away from her and it's too high. So we

1 need to make sure she gets that.

2 And speaking of that, and speaking of the lady, at
3 the last meeting that we had, we had a very, very
4 unfortunate incident here at the county. We were
5 discussing -- it wasn't a meeting. It was a called
6 meeting so we could discuss the first discussion on the
7 road thing. And it was -- is there such a word as
8 contentious -- toward the end of it.

9 Folks, we have to speak up for right. If nobody
10 speaks up, then that old thing says where will you be
11 when they come and get you? I remember being treated
12 the same way. Nobody spoke up. I stood alone. I
13 stood in this room one time when everybody in here was
14 yelling and screaming at me. At me. Nobody stood up
15 for me. I walked out the door with the grace of God.
16 It wasn't right. And I cannot stand by and see it
17 being done. Friend or foe, blue, purple or black, I
18 cannot stand by to see it. Okay.

19 With that being said, Mr. Dunn, I think that you
20 owe one of our citizens an apology. Thank you.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders?

22 BRETT SANDERS: Nothing at this time, sir.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis?

24 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
25 just want to say that the town hall events that I have
26 been a part of have been very constructive. I
27 appreciate everyone that has shown up to them and
28 contributed in a positive manner. And we can do a lot
29 as a county if we get together in a positive manner. I
30 do not appreciate people that come with vindictive
31 attitudes and agendas other than what we're discussing,
32 in an interruptive manner. And I think it's a waste of
33 a lot of good people's time when things come and people
34 want to talk about things that aren't even pertaining
35 to the situation.

36 And I think education is part of that, Ms. Wilson,
37 that the state -- when we're having a county road fee
38 meeting, it's enough, and I think most people know by
39 now after fourteen meetings, that when we say the gas
40 tax is a state road that that's what it is. It is a
41 shame that we don't have any of that money right now.
42 And we can continue to try to ask for that money
43 because they can't tell you no if you don't continue to
44 ask. But at the same time, I think we continue to
45 educate people. I mean, I'm not the smartest bulb on
46 the planet, but I think people, once they realize this,
47 and once they realize where a lot of their tax money
48 goes to the schools, and I'm not saying anything bad
49 about the schools, but they seem to be coming around to
50 the idea that, yeah, we've got some bad roads. We've

1 got to do something about it. And it's going to cost
2 money. And we, as a county, have an opportunity to sit
3 down and iron this thing out.

4 But we don't get anywhere when we get into town
5 hall meetings when people come in with vindictive and
6 disruptive attitudes. And I'm thankful that we've had
7 some good, positive meetings. And I'm thankful that we
8 have a great county council that I'm a part of. And
9 I'm appreciative of every person up here and their
10 opinions and their thought process. And I thank -- we
11 even had some good compliments that this is a good,
12 transparent county council. We're out there beating
13 the bushes, talking to people and hosting these
14 meetings. Meeting, after meeting, after meeting. And
15 we're trying to be as transparent as we can.

16 I don't believe in beating a dead horse. And this
17 is no longer the county council of ten or twelve or
18 fifteen years ago. This is the county council of 2019.
19 I'm a proud person to be on it, and I'm honored to
20 represent District 6. And I'm honored to be a member
21 of this council. And I appreciate every one of you.
22 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham
24 (verbatim). I just want to, for all the town hall
25 meetings we've had and the work they've put in and
26 trying to get the information out to citizens and
27 getting back. And there are going to be many more town
28 hall meetings or community meetings, I like to call
29 them. We said when we started with this thing was to
30 get the discussion started. We've got a road issue.
31 And I think -- I've been to every town hall meeting
32 they've had except the one last night because I had a
33 meeting in Homeland Park in my district. I went there.
34 And we've had some good comments. We've had some good,
35 healthy discussions. But I think by far what we've
36 done is two things. I think the people do realize, it
37 don't take a rocket scientist, we've got a road
38 problem. And I think it's got the discussion started,
39 as we said. Just as Mr. Sanders always starts out of
40 his meetings, you know, he's got no problem with a
41 twenty-five dollar car fee personally, himself, but
42 he's going to do what he thinks is right for his
43 district when they come to him and talk to him like
44 that. And that's what this whole thing has been
45 about.

46 So I hope, as we move forward and try to educate
47 the people, that we can move this thing -- I like the
48 idea, I've thought about this thing, about the penny
49 sales tax. But it's got a lot of work to be done to
50 it. It's got to be sold. And what hurts you about it,

1 it'll be put to the people's vote to be voted on, but
2 what hurts on stuff like this is when you've got people
3 out giving misinformation or not telling the whole
4 truth. You know when you don't tell the whole truth
5 sometimes, it's just as bad as a lie to me. You've got
6 a fourteen million dollar increase in the budget.
7 Yeah, that was through grants. And you can't say, you
8 know, you use it somewhere else, because if that grant
9 money hadn't come through that mill site wouldn't have
10 got cleaned up. There wasn't no money in that things
11 for that. And that goes on on numerous things like
12 that and back this up.

13 And so I hope this council has earned the respect,
14 at least the trust, to get something -- to spread the
15 truth that what we're saying is facts and back it up.

16 Now, I just want to elaborate on a couple of
17 things. The last meeting, in all my intentions in
18 talking to council members, we wanted to get the nuts
19 and bolts of an ordinance before we went out to tell
20 people this was what was in it. You know what you're
21 discussing. You know that's what this whole thing is
22 about. And I think we've come up with some pretty good
23 things on that.

24 But I do look forward to going out and having more
25 community meetings, educating the folks, listening to
26 them because this is what we've got out of this thing,
27 what I've got out of it, you know, the town halls we've
28 had, I think we've had about fourteen or fifteen, is
29 people want a fairness issue. I think the one cent
30 sales tax will do that. Participation. We've got to
31 get a list of roads out to see what can be done. And
32 the nuts and bolts have got to be put in that. I know
33 other council members, too, has asked Mr. Burns and his
34 staff to try to start compiling the list of roads and
35 how long it would take and the money it would raise and
36 what not, to get out.

37 I just want to touch on two thing. One thing,
38 Green Pond keeps getting throwed up. Most of Green
39 Pond, I'll get the facts here and get them back next
40 council meeting, has been done through the PCB money
41 that had to go for recreation on Lake Hartwell and
42 through grants. And I don't apologize or take no
43 backseat at all what's going on at Green Pond for
44 Anderson County. I think when I run the first time for
45 county council, I said Lake Hartwell was the crown
46 jewel of Anderson County that's being used. And I'm
47 glad to see the spotlight being put on Lake Hartwell
48 and it being what you call it.

49 And I'm going to leave with this, if we're going to
50 quote people, a good friend of mine, Councilman Bob

1 Waldrep, used to tell me all the time, you know,
2 everybody wants good government until it comes their
3 turn at the trough.

4 Thank y'all very much.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:14 P.M.)